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In Re Application of:

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For: AUTOMATED DNA SEQUENCING TECHNIQUE

PRELIMINARY AMENDMENT

Assistant Commissioner for Patents
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Sir:

Prior to examination of the above-captioned application, please enter the following amendments and remarks.

Amendment

Please amend the claims as follows:

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Please cancel claims 2-30.

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Please enter new claims 31-72 below.

31. A method of analyzing polynucleotide fragments which comprises:

providing polynucleotide fragments tagged with chromophores or fluorophores, wherein each chromophore or fluorophore is distinguishable from others by its spectral characteristics;